



Companies Act 2006

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PART 15

ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

CHAPTER 12

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Liability for false or misleading statements in reports [^{F1}and statements]

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- (1) The reports [^{F2}and statements] to which this section applies are—
- [^{F3}(za) the strategic report,]
 - (a) the directors' report,
 - (b) the directors' remuneration report, and
 - [^{F4}(c)]
 - [^{F5}(d) any separate corporate governance statement.]
- (2) A director of a company is liable to compensate the company for any loss suffered by it as a result of—
- (a) any untrue or misleading statement in a report [^{F6}or statement] to which this section applies, or
 - (b) the omission from a report [^{F6}or statement] to which this section applies of anything required to be included in it.
- (3) He is so liable only if—
- (a) he knew the statement to be untrue or misleading or was reckless as to whether it was untrue or misleading, or
 - (b) he knew the omission to be dishonest concealment of a material fact.

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- (4) No person shall be subject to any liability to a person other than the company resulting from reliance, by that person or another, on information in a report [^{F7}or statement] to which this section applies.
- (5) The reference in subsection (4) to a person being subject to a liability includes a reference to another person being entitled as against him to be granted any civil remedy or to rescind or repudiate an agreement.
- (6) This section does not affect—
 - (a) liability for a civil penalty, or
 - (b) liability for a criminal offence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 463 heading inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 13(c)** (with reg. 2(6)(7))
- F2** Words in s. 463(1) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)(i)** (with reg. 2(6)(7))
- F3** S. 463(1)(za) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Strategic Report and Directors' Report\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1970\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 17(a)**
- F4** S. 463(1)(c) omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(4) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Companies Act 2006 \(Strategic Report and Directors' Report\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1970\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 17(b)**
- F5** S. 463(1)(d) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)(ii)** (with reg. 2(6)(7))
- F6** Words in s. 463(2) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)** (with reg. 2(6)(7))
- F7** Words in s. 463(4) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)** (with reg. 2(6)(7))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 418-469 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2436\)](#), regs. 3-5, **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with transitional provisions and savings in regs. 7, 9, Sch. 2)
- C2** Ss. 441-469 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2436\)](#), regs. 3-5, **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with reg. 7, Sch. 2) (as amended (with application in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Unregistered Companies \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1972\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)(a)**)
- C3** S. 463 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2008/1911, reg. 24A (as inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(5)(a) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3), Sch. 3 para. 9 (with reg. 2(6)(7)); as amended (1.4.2019) by [The Companies \(Directors' Report\) and Limited Liability Partnerships \(Energy and Carbon Report\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1155\)](#), regs. 2, **24**)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 463 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), **art. 3(1)(c)** (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#) and with [arts. 6, 8](#), [Sch. 5 para. 3](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 156A-156C inserted by [2015 c. 26 s. 87\(4\)](#)
- s. 156B(5) omitted by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 156C(2) words substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 156C(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 156C(3) substituted for s. 156C(3)-(5) by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 27](#)
- s. 479A(2)(c)(zi) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4 substituted by regs. 4, 4A immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/1392, regs. 1(2), 4)
- s. 1047(4)(i)(j) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 21\(2\)](#)
- s. 1087(da) substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 52\(2\)](#)
- s. 1110E-110G applied by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 60 (as amended) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 26](#)
- s. 11989A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 79A (as inserted) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 46](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 28\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 28(e) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(e)(iv))
- Sch. 10 para. 7(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 29\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 29 substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(f))